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In re patent application of

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Serial Number: 09/341,635

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Group Art Unit: 1771

For: Wet-Laid Nonwoven Web From Unpulped Natural

Fibers And Composite Containing Same

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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Transmitted herewith is a	AMENDMENT	UNDER RULE 1	116 in the	above-identified	application

	A Small Entity Statement Was Previously Submitted In This Application.	عثب
	A Small Entity Statement Is Enclosed.	
	A Filing Fee For Extra Claims Does Not Appear Required.	
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No.	of Claims	of Claims	No. of	Fee For	Other Than
Rem	aining After	Previously	Extra	Small Entity	Small Entity
Ame	endment	Paid For	<u>Claims</u>	Rate Fee	<u>Rate</u> <u>Fee</u>
Total	17	20	0	x \$9 = \$	x \$18 = \$
Independent	3	3	2	x \$ 40 \$	x \$80 = \$160.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims			+ \$135 = \$	+ \$270 =\$	
				TOTAL =\$	TOTAL = <u>\$160.00</u>

It is hereby petitioned that any required extension of time be granted for filing the Amendment. An extension of <u>-0-</u> month(s) having a fee of \$ <u>-0-</u> appears required.

A check in the amount of \$160.00 is attached. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 16-2563 of Alix, Yale & Ristas, LLP.

The Commissioner is hereby requested and authorized to charge Deposit Account 16-2563 of Alix, Yale & Ristas, LLP for any fee, not enclosed herewith, due for any reason in connection with the amendment or this or any other document accompanying the amendment, including (a) any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims and (b) any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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